

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE CHURCH HALL

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Venables (Chair), M Litton, T Hodges, T Smith, I Parkinson, A Ross, P Walker, L Cashmore, and K Hodgkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Inspector Leeroy, PCC Dan Price ^{7.23pm} & Police Officer.

1) APOLOGIES

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr P Cobley and CWAC Cllr M Stocks.

PCSO Hambleton sent his apologies.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3) PCC DAN PRICE

- a. The Chief Insp. spoke at great length about how policing has evolved and how police being visible does not work as well these days, Police instead use data to detect who is entering the parish/town.

-Cllr Smith commented that he can't remember seeing a PCSO in the village. The chief inspector advised that it would take a lot to walk around the parish due to the size. The police use heat maps to see where calls come from and when to better target the police around school run times and at the shops.

-Cllr Ross advised that he sees the PCSO at school times and that the local children know who the PCSO is. The chief inspector spoke about police initiatives like mini police and operation big wing, going on to talk about the top four issues in our parish/town which are domestic abuse, drugs, antisocial behaviour and speeding.

- b. The chief insp. spoke about the latest traffic survey results for the parish, he advised that there were low level numbers which were speeding in the evening (late at night) and that the speeds are low when schools are out. The PCSO is out using the TRUCAM which community speed watch groups can also get involved with. Lostock Gralam compared to other villages has a relatively low speeding problem as most speeding is when school children are not likely to be about.

The PCC spoke about a new acoustic speed monitor to deter antisocial behaviour detecting those with noisy exhausts. The PCC advised that there have been 12 RTC's in the past 12 months, 7 of which were on the A556.

- c. Police/PCSO visibility – There are less PCSO's due to funding, but there is an increase in more PC's, if the PCC can get extra funding for more police, then he will use it.
- d. Funding- The PCC spoke about his funding and the types of projects he is supporting. The PCC was keen to see funds help to give youths something to do/prevent them getting into trouble.

-Cllr Hodges asked the PCC if he thought he should promote Neighbourhood Watch as some people are reluctant to report matters to the police. The PCC advised that things have changed, with a move to WhatsApp groups, internet. People are not so connected to their neighbours now and do not talk as much, people are more like to use snap chat, TikTok and Instagram to communicate.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm